#### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

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#### Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development and Implementation Grant

- **34** jobs tied to grant (13.03 FTEs)
- **27** community meetings
- **24.75** acres treated
- **1** CWPP completed
- Magnetic Communities directly affected:
  Alma
  Boulder
  Colorado Mountain Estates
  Fairplay
  Hartsel
  Lake George
  Larkspur
  Longmont
  Woodland Park



Matt and Carl of Anchor Point discuss potential project with Bob Bundy, CSFS Project Manager

**Overview:** There were nine active projects during the first three months of 2010. The number of jobs tied to the two grants increased by 62.

# **Project Highlights**

Anchor Point Group, LLC

Anchor Point hired two forest technicians. Additional support comes from contracted personnel. The company selected 21 potential fuels reduction projects to implement; each county has at least four projects. Initial contact with the affected communities has been made.

#### Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP)

CUSP hired a forester and two part-time monitoring coordinators. The North West Fire Protection District Community Wildfire Protection Plan was completed. The CUSP field crew thinned trees and chipped slash on 4.25 acres and burned piled branches on 20.5 acres of private forest land in Park and Teller counties. CUSP also used the services of two forest resource consultants.

## Perry Park Metropolitan District

Larkspur Fire Department hired a crew boss and two squad bosses to lead the soon-to-be-hired seasonal mitigation crew. Metro District officials update residents regularly. The fire mitigation crew begins work on Perry Park projects in May.

# **Boulder County**

The county hired a CWPP planner and identified a 10 member, multi-expert core team to act as an advisory, decision-making group.

Town of Winter Park work will begin in late spring 2010.

#### High-Priority Forest Restoration and Fuels Mitigation Grant

- **130** jobs tied to grant (75.56 FTEs)
- **94** acres treated
- Materials Communities directly affected:
  Aguilar
  Del Norte
  Delta
  Gould
  Montrose
  Kremmling
  Oak Creek
  Steamboat Springs
  Storm Mountain Ranch
  Trinidad
  Walsenburg



Rogue Resources, Inc., Steamboat Springs project contractor



Rocky Mountain Timber Products

#### **Project Highlights Continued**

### Delta Timber Company

Delta Timber completed their grant project in February. A total of 16 jobs were retained and 21 jobs created.

#### Focused on the Forest, LLC

Focused on the Forest, located in Gould, Colo. hired a part-time business manager and two crew members to help utilize their wood products.

#### ForestWise, formerly M S Forest, LLC

The company continued mechanical thinning on the Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area near Weston, Colo. Over 900 tons of woody biomass were removed from 54 acres and will be utilized as firewood and shavings. Their work will be featured in the Colorado Foundation for Water Education publication "Headwaters" Spring 2010.

#### Intermountain Resources, LLC

ARRA funded 33 mill workers. The Montrose-based mill informed 142 individuals, including a federal legislator, USFS employees, Colorado Department of Natural Resources and local Rotary club members about its operations.

#### Rocky Mountain Timber Products, Inc.

One new employee was hired and four were transferred from the logging business to work at the sawmill; other employees are called in as needed.

# City of Steamboat Springs

Cable logging and mechanical harvesting continues to be used to reduce the fuels on private and municipal acres. Forty acres were completed. Nine individuals were hired by the contractor.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife in Durango, Colorado Youth Corps Assoc., Denver Mountain Parks, and El Paso County Sheriff's Office will initiate their projects late spring 2010.